GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF ILLEGAL INDIAN ARMS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the growing smuggling of illegal Indian arms along the unprotected Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any assessment of the smuggling;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the measures taken to check such activities ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (d): Government is aware of reports of smuggling of arms across the Indo-Bangladesh border. Smuggling being a clandestine activity its extent cannot be quantified precisely. However, details of seizures of arms and ammunition by the Border Security Force along the Indo-Bangladesh border during the last 4 years upto 8.11.2001 are given as under :-

1988	1999	2000	2001
ARMS/AMM	ARMS/AMMU	ARMS/AMM	ARMS/AMM
(ALL FIGURES IN NUMBERS)			
46 458 20 41	41 325	30 1597	

Government have taken various measures to check illegal activity across the Indo-Bangladesh border including smuggling. The entire Indo-Bangladesh border is being fenced in phases. The Border Security Force maintains round the clock surveillance of the border by way of patrolling including patrolling in reverine areas, setting up of nakas, etc. In addition, the Border Security Force is enhancing its intelligence network with a view to contain such activities and also conduct special operation in coordination with the local police. The field formations of Customs, and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are also sensitised to detect smuggling across the Indo-Bangladesh border.